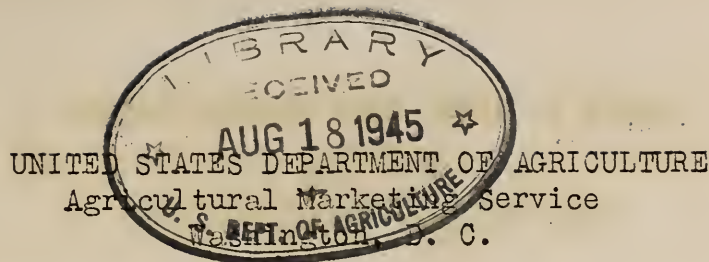


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COLD STORAGE REPORT

AS OF APRIL 1, 1940

Cold storage holdings of fresh fruits, dairy products, and eggs were below or about average on April 1, the Agricultural Marketing Service reports. But stocks of frozen poultry, meats, and lard were well above the 1934-38 April 1 average.

Stocks of frozen poultry were 27 million pounds above average; frozen and cured meats 86 million above and lard 139 million pounds above.

Holdings of frozen and cured pork exceeded the 5-year average by 73 million pounds, but frozen and cured beef stocks were 10 million pounds below the April 1 average.

Lard holdings were considerably heavier than have been reported for any period on record.

Cold storage holdings of apples were 538,000 bushels below those of April 1, 1939, and 951,000 bushels below the 5-year average.

Total frozen and preserved fruit stocks were about 1,000,000 pounds below those of a year earlier but almost 20 million pounds above the average.

Creamery butter stocks were 70 million pounds smaller than those on hand on April 1, 1939, and 13 million pounds less than average.

American cheese stocks were 7 million pounds below those of a year earlier and 3 million below average.

Stocks of shell eggs were a quarter of a million cases less than those on hand a year ago and about a third of a million below average. Frozen egg stocks also indicate a similar trend, being 16 million pounds below April 1, 1939, and 15 million pounds below average.

Total case equivalent of both shell and frozen eggs were nearly three-quarters of a million cases below a year earlier and 805,000 cases less than average. The Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation holds 58,000 cases of shell eggs for relief distribution that are included in the total reported.

Reports from 202 public cold storages as of April 1 indicate a reduction in occupancy from March 1 of 2 percent. The revised report as of March 1, representing 256 plants, shows an average occupancy for the United States of 44 percent. The April 1 preliminary report shows an average of 42 percent. Cooler occupancy remains the same for April as for March, but freezer occupancy was reduced from 64 to 57 percent of the available net piling space.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

FRESH FRUITS

Net reductions in cold storage holdings of apples during March totaled the equivalent of 5,889,000 bushels. This quantity is slightly below average for the period and also slightly below the reduction for March 1939. April 1 stocks were 588,000 bushels less than those on hand April 1, 1939, and 951,000 bushels less than the 5-year (1934-38) April 1 average.

FROZEN FRUITS

Total stocks of all frozen and preserved fruits were 90,002,000 pounds or 1,158,000 pounds less than April 1, 1939, holdings. April 1, 1940, stocks exceeded the 5-year average by 19,433,000 pounds. The net reduction in stocks during March totaled 14,911,000 pounds. Of the approximately 90 million pounds reported, 16,914,000 pounds were unclassified as to variety.

FROZEN VEGETABLES

Stocks of frozen vegetables totaled 55,840,000 pounds, of which quantity 2,890,000 pounds were unclassified. The apparent net withdrawals of all frozen vegetables during March totaled 5,557,000 pounds. April 1, 1940, holdings exceeded those of a year earlier by 4,547,000 pounds.

Contents of April 1 Cold Storage Report

Separate tables appearing in this report show United States stocks on hand on April 1, this year compared with previous periods, for the following groups of commodities:

Fresh Fruits and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables, page 3;

Dairy and Poultry Products, page 4;

Meats (cured and frozen) and Lard, page 5.

Special tables of cold storage holdings are included for cream, butter, American cheese, eggs and poultry, by States, page 6; apples, by States, and frozen fruits, by container-size, page 7; April 1, 1940, data for all commodities, by geographic regions, pages 8 and 9; the monthly report on warehouse space occupancy in cubic feet reported, with comparisons and revised figures for January 1, February 1, and March 1, 1940, and the percentage of space occupied on April 1 (preliminary) and March 1 (revised), page 10.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

(See table on page 3 for April 1, 1940, holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	Apr. 1, 5-yr.av. 1935-39	Apr. 1, 1939	Mar. 1, 1940	Apr. 1, 1940
- Thousands -				
FRUITS, FRESH				
Apples.....barrels.....	106	26	129	68
Apples.....Western boxes.	4,919	4,972	6,306	4,076
Apples.....Eastern boxes.	1/	1/	3,760	2,176
Apples.....bushel baskets	4,318	4,142	4,040	2,148
TOTAL APPLES.....bushels.....	9,555	9,192	14,493	8,604
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes..	-	4	19	4
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes...	-	1	1	1
Pears, all other varieties.bboxes.....	165	215	414	225
Pears.....bushel baskets	8	15	1	-
FRUITS, FROZEN ^{2/}				
Blackberries.....pounds.....	Data	1,722	3,861	3,441
Blueberries.....".....	for	4,705	4,440	4,137
Cherries.....".....	these	13,108	18,686	16,261
Logan and similar berries.. ".....	earlier	2,356	1,788	1,551
Raspberries.....".....	years	5,867	6,645	6,105
Strawberries.....".....	not	25,755	30,599	25,584
Other fruits.....".....	compara-	19,716	16,901	16,009
Classification not reported ".....	ble	17,930	21,993	16,914
TOTAL.....".....	70,569	91,160	104,913	90,002
VEGETABLES, FROZEN				
Asparagus.....pounds.....		2,554	7,138	7,081
Beans, lima.....".....	His-	10,309	12,509	11,659
Beans, snap.....".....	torical	4,875	5,234	4,498
Broccoli, green.....".....	data	1,081	1,678	1,622
Corn, sweet.....".....	not	5,428	6,155	5,769
Peas, green.....".....	avail-	17,144	17,738	14,834
Spinach.....".....	ble	2,787	4,713	4,626
Other vegetables.....".....		2,027	2,867	2,861
Classification not reported ".....		5,088	3,365	2,890
TOTAL.....".....		51,293	61,397	55,840

^{1/} Previously included with "bushel baskets".^{2/} See also table on page 7 showing reported segregation by small and large containers.

Cold storage holdings of butter continued to dwindle during March. April 1 stocks, totaling 8,856,000, were 70,053,000 pounds below those of April 1, 1939, and 13,393,000 pounds below the 5-year (1934-38) average. Commercial stocks were reduced by 8,828,000, Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and relief stocks by 1,199,000 pounds, and Dairy Products Marketing Association holdings were increased by 517,000 pounds, making a total net reduction of 9,510,000 pounds.

Total stocks of cheese were reduced during March by 7,394,000 pounds. This quantity compares with an out-of-storage movement of 9,832,000 pounds during March 1939 and 7,850,000 for the average. April 1, 1940, holdings were 6,383,000 pounds less than those of a year earlier and 873,000 pounds below the 5-year average.

Stocks of eggs - shell and frozen - began to accumulate during March, and April 1 holdings, totaling the equivalent of 2,110,000 cases, were reported. Shell egg stocks of 851,000 cases were 254,000 cases below those of April 1, 1939, and 376,000 cases below average. Frozen egg stocks were 16,387,000 pounds less than a year earlier and 14,998,000 pounds below average.

Stocks of all poultry were reduced by 29,312,000 pounds. April 1 holdings, totaling 115,447,000 pounds, exceeded those of a year earlier by 24,460,000 and the 5-year average by 26,778,000 pounds. Net withdrawals of turkeys from cold storage during March totaled 10,071,000 pounds.

(See table on page 9 for April 1, 1940, holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	Apr. 1, 5-yr.av. 1935-39	Apr. 1, 1939	Mar. 1, 1940	Apr. 1, 1940
- Thousands -				
CREAM				
Forty percent.....40-qt.cans	30	59	56	48
Twenty percent....." "	2	-	-	-
BUTTER				
Creamery, total.....pounds....	22,249	78,909	18,366	8,856
DPMA holdings....."		65,313	669	1,186
FSCC & Relief holdings. "		7,042	1,388	189
Commercial stocks....."	7,778	6,554	16,309	7,481
Packing stock....."	33	48	6	5
CHEESE				
American....."	65,205	68,812	66,584	61,955
Swiss including block....."	3,698	4,389	4,491	2,912
Brick and Munster....."	635	481	798	615
Limburger....."	576	551	930	680
All other varieties....."	6,029	7,420	9,861	9,108
TOTAL CHEESE....."	76,143	81,653	82,664	75,270
EGGS				
Shell.....cases.....	1,227	1,105	81	851*
Frozen.....pounds....	59,076	60,465	38,070	44,078
Frozen 1/.....equivalent cases.....	1,688	1,728	1,088	1,259
TOTAL EGGS 2/.....cases.....	2,915	2,833	1,169	2,110
FROZEN POULTRY				
Broilers.....pounds....	9,676	7,414	7,795	6,488
Fryers....."	9,225	9,232	6,688	4,731
Roasters....."	20,116	20,908	21,307	15,695
Fowls....."	13,051	13,970	20,334	17,038
Turkeys....."	22,101	22,368	63,811	53,740
Ducks....."	1,240	1,455	2,631	1,471
Miscellaneous poultry....."	13,260	15,640	14,140	10,190
Unclassified frozen poultry "	3/	3/	8,053	6,094
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY.. "	88,669	90,987	144,759	115,447

1/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 35 pounds to the case.

2/ SPECIAL NOTE: 85 percent of total frozen eggs reported as of April 1, 1940, were classified as follows: Whites - 34 percent; Yolks - 22 percent; and Mixed - 44 percent.

3/ Carried under "Miscellaneous poultry" previous to January 1, 1940.

* Includes 58,000 cases owned by Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation for relief distribution.

MEATS AND LARD

Stocks of frozen and cured pork continued to increase slightly during March. April 1 holdings of 653,552,000 pounds exceeded those of April 1, 1939, by 130,348,000 pounds and the 5-year average by 73,467,000 pounds.

Frozen and cured beef stocks declined from March 1 by 2,130,000 pounds. The 72,578,000 pounds on hand April 1 were in excess of April 1, 1939, holdings by 31,608,000 but below the 5-year average by 9,867,000 pounds.

Lard stocks were again higher than for any period on record. The April 1 holdings, totaling 269,284,000 pounds, were 140,032,000 pounds larger than those of a year earlier and 139,375,000 pounds above the 5-year average.

(See table on page 9 for April 1, 1940, holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	April 1, 5-yr .av. 1935-39	April 1, 1939	March 1, 1940	April 1, 1940
- Thousand pounds -				
BEEF				
Frozen.....	62,650	26,844	60,481	58,736
In process of cure.....	13,108	10,076	10,261	9,714
Cured.....	6,687	4,050	3,966	4,128
TOTAL BEEF.....	82,445	40,970	74,708	72,578
PORK				
Frozen.....	206,838	213,792	298,638	324,072
Dry salt in process of cure.....	43,318	44,687	48,100	47,489
Dry salt cured.....	38,969	31,617	37,660	39,313
Pickled in process of cure.....	165,198	144,297	156,252	141,022
Pickled cured.....	125,762	88,811	110,003	101,656
TOTAL PORK.....	580,085	523,204	650,653	653,552
LAMB AND MUTTON				
Frozen.....	3,608	2,412	4,488	4,257
TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL				
Frozen and cured.....	78,875	62,510	106,654	101,050
TOTAL MEATS.....	745,013	629,096	836,503	831,437
LARD.....	129,909	129,252	256,640	269,284

HOLDINGS OF SPECIFIED COMMODITIES, BY STATES, APRIL 1, 1940

State	Cream (40- qt. cans)	Butter Lbs.	American cheese Lbs.	Eggs Cases	Frozen eggs lbs.	Total poultry lbs.
- Thousands -						
Massachusetts.....		267	1,511	9	612	8,508
Other States.....		451	191	-	352	630
NEW ENGLAND.....		718	1,702	9	964	9,138
New York.....	35	1,241	6,877	119	3,836	23,788
New Jersey.....		702	3,021	64	1,944	11,818
Pennsylvania.....		777	690	20	2,398	4,222
MIDDLE ATLANTIC....		2,720	10,588	203	8,178	39,828
Ohio.....	8	372	379	11	1,983	1,349
Indiana.....		54	15	2	830	1,294
Illinois.....	1	2,497	2,882	146	5,975	24,511
Michigan.....		238	529	27	634	1,466
Wisconsin.....	2	68	34,427	1	495	826
EAST N. CENTRAL....		3,229	38,232	187	9,917	29,446
Minnesota.....		426	496	15	820	3,461
Iowa.....		2	16	2	979	1,450
Missouri.....		255	1,015	38	6,600	6,598
Nebraska.....		81	436	3	1,456	7,556
Kansas.....		9	103	21	2,659	586
Dakotas.....		41	-	-	58	9
WEST N. CENTRAL....		814	2,066	79	12,572	19,660
SOUTH ATLANTIC....		526	1,452	10	1,835	1,832
Kentucky.....		3	156	2	325	1,427
Tennessee.....		70	170	34	597	281
Alabama & Mississippi.		33	105	6	234	79
EAST S. CENTRAL....		106	431	42	1,156	1,787
Oklahoma.....		1	32	10	1,677	133
Texas.....		37	995	31	3,680	669
Arkansas & Louisiana..		12	118	8	906	95
WEST S. CENTRAL....		50	1,145	49	6,263	897
Colorado.....		50	325	27	135	405
Other States.....		2	2,529	9	29	518
MOUNTAIN.....		52	2,854	36	164	923
Washington.....		91	315	81	922	3,919
Oregon.....		-	525	6	211	975
California.....		550	2,645	149	1,896	7,042
PACIFIC.....		641	3,485	236	3,029	11,936
Other States, combined for cream only.....	2					
UNITED STATES.....	48	8,856	61,955	851	44,078	115,447

APPLE HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE, BY STATES

State	April 1, 1940					April 1, 1939
	Barrels	Boxes		Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
		Western	Eastern			
	- Thousands -					
Vermont.....	-	-	24	-	24	7
Connecticut.....	-	-	42	-	42	47
Massachusetts.....	-	3	138	-	141	64
New York.....	4	6	1,172	427	1,617	1,380
New Jersey.....	-	10	145	209	364	442
Pennsylvania.....	6	9	106	262	395	371
Ohio.....	-	5	63	142	210	130
Indiana.....	-	1	7	24	32	45
Illinois.....	-	10	73	130	213	305
Michigan.....	-	-	74	188	262	369
Wisconsin.....	-	10	5	12	27	32
Minnesota.....	-	12	-	3	15	49
Missouri.....	-	12	-	73	85	139
Virginia.....	53	28	220	500	907	842
West Virginia.....	1	3	5	48	59	65
Texas.....	-	34	-	-	34	45
Washington.....	-	3,207	-	-	3,207	3,587
Oregon.....	-	207	-	-	207	294
California.....	-	474	-	-	474	760
Other States.....	4	45	102	130	239	219
UNITED STATES...	68	4,076	2,176	2,148	8,604	9,192

FROZEN FRUITS: HOLDINGS IN SMALL AND LARGE CONTAINERS

MARCH 1 and APRIL 1, 1940

Commodity	In small containers (Less than 30 lb. capacity)		In bulk or large containers (30 lb. or greater capacity)	
	March 1	April 1	March 1	April 1
	- Thousand pounds -			
Blackberries.....	187	156	3,674	3,285
Blueberries.....	1,270	1,229	3,170	2,908
Cherries.....	956	823	17,730	15,438
Logan and similar berries..	508	406	1,280	1,145
Raspberries.....	1,163	1,074	5,482	5,031
Strawberries.....	11,684	9,062	18,915	16,522
Other fruits.....	3,733	3,649	13,168	12,360
Classification not reported	509	705	21,484	16,209
TOTAL.....	20,010	17,104	84,903	72,898

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, APRIL 1, 1940, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

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Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
- Thousands -										
FRUITS, FRESH										
Apples.....barrels.....	-	10	-	-	58	-	-	-	-	68
Apples.....Western boxes	3	25	27	25	61	1	39	6	3,889	4,076
Apples.....Eastern boxes	222	1,423	223	-	308	-	-	-	-	2,176
Apples.....bushel baskets	3	897	496	110	625	10	1	6	-	2,148
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes...	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	4
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Pears, all other varieties.....boxes.....	-	53	4	-	4	-	1	-	163	225
Pears.....bushel baskets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FRUITS, FROZEN										
In small containers										
Blackberries.....pounds.....	4	22	73	7	9	-	2	-	39	156
Blueberries....."	86	807	240	16	74	3	2	-	1	1,229
Cherries....."	96	367	197	69	59	1	4	1	29	823
Logan and similar berries....."	2	20	149	9	9	1	-	-	216	406
Raspberries....."	160	171	314	119	76	10	14	-	210	1,074
Strawberries....."	605	1,097	1,034	252	1,235	50	502	25	4,262	9,062
Other fruits....."	78	1,430	1,200	90	344	166	43	-	1,003	4,354
In bulk or large containers										
Blackberries.....pounds.....	44	1,215	286	317	214	82	5	10	1,112	3,285
Blueberries....."	210	1,729	548	394	27	7	-	-	3	2,908
Cherries....."	141	9,482	4,245	551	218	79	66	102	554	15,438
Logan and similar berries....."	43	110	196	95	26	-	-	1	674	1,145
Raspberries....."	1,148	1,369	1,019	1,308	48	62	18	-	159	5,031
Strawberries....."	875	4,661	3,720	2,626	1,004	344	777	207	2,308	16,522
Other fruits....."	378	16,350	5,584	524	1,062	140	296	79	4,156	28,569
Total, all containers										
Blackberries.....pounds.....	48	1,237	359	324	223	82	7	10	1,151	3,441
Blueberries....."	296	2,536	788	400	101	10	2	-	4	4,137
Cherries....."	237	9,849	4,442	620	277	80	70	103	583	16,261
Logan and similar berries....."	45	130	345	104	35	1	-	1	890	1,551
Raspberries....."	1,308	1,540	1,333	1,327	124	72	32	-	369	6,105
Strawberries....."	1,480	5,758	4,754	2,878	2,239	394	1,279	232	6,570	25,584
Other fruits....."	456	17,780	6,784	614	1,406	306	339	79	5,159	32,923
VEGETABLES, FROZEN										
Asparagus.....pounds.....	147	5,564	627	95	154	23	84	3	384	7,081
Beans, lima....."	203	8,890	1,277	346	444	40	85	8	366	11,659
Beans, snap....."	54	3,606	363	65	224	5	34	3	144	4,498
Broccoli, green....."	73	977	154	26	126	13	22	-	231	1,622
Corn, sweet....."	298	2,732	1,040	492	182	25	52	3	945	5,769
Peas, green....."	685	7,840	2,384	893	328	90	135	21	2,458	14,834
Spinach....."	115	3,200	720	91	139	22	43	2	294	4,626
Other vegetables....."	100	2,393	612	501	402	11	184	440	1,108	5,751

OCCUPANCY OF AVAILABLE COLD STORAGE SPACE IN PUBLIC WAREHOUSES

UNITED STATES

JANUARY 1*, FEBRUARY 1*, MARCH 1*, and APRIL 1**, 1940

Date	Number concerns reporting	Available Space			Space Occupied		
		Coolers	Freezers	Combined	Coolers	Freezers	Combined
- Thousand cubic feet -							
Jan.1* ...	251	100,770	50,119	150,889	44,899	33,185	78,084
Feb.1* ...	260	104,785	52,229	157,014	40,424	34,726	75,150
Mar.1* ...	256	108,387	50,473	158,860	38,313	32,156	70,469
Apr.1**...	202	94,067	46,413	140,480	33,012	26,669	59,681

* Revised. ** Preliminary.

PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

MARCH 1* and APRIL 1**, 1940

Geo- graphic division	March 1, 1940 *				April 1, 1940 **			
	Number concerns	Coolers	Freezers	Combined	Number concerns	Coolers	Freezers	Combined
Percent					Percent			
New England.....	7	30	54	42	9	27	47	36
Middle Atlantic...	56	37	64	45	53	36	52	42
East North Central	45	39	62	47	40	35	58	43
West North Central	29	33	74	51	23	31	73	46
South Atlantic....	33	46	63	50	15	43	71	50
East South Central	7	26	77	39	1	21	36	23
West South Central	20	34	55	39	15	41	56	45
Mountain.....	12	26	66	39	9	36	68	47
Pacific.....	47	27	59	33	37	33	50	36
United States ¹ / ₁	256	36	63	44	202	35	56	42

¹/₁ Result of weighting geographic division percentage figures by respective proportion of total U.S. available space in public cold storage warehouses.

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